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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject: Council Decision appointing a member and an alternate member,
proposed by the Federal Republic of Germany, of the Committee of the
Regions - Adoption

1. By letter of 18 March 2026¹, the Secretary-General of the Committee of the Regions notified the Council of the resignation of Mr Thomas Eugen HABERMANN, member of the Committee of the Regions, taking effect on 1 May 2026.
2. Under Article 305 TFEU, the Council, acting by a qualified majority on proposals by the respective Member States, appoints members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions.

¹ 7534/26.

3. In accordance with that provision and for the purpose of the replacement of Mr Thomas Eugen HABERMANN, the German Government has proposed² Mr Christoph SCHNAUDIGEL, representative of a local body who holds a local authority electoral mandate, *Landrat des Landkreises Karlsruhe* (District Commissioner of Karlsruhe), as a member of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 1 May 2026 and for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2030.
4. Mr Christoph SCHNAUDIGEL is currently an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions. Consequently, following his appointment as a member, a seat of alternate member of the Committee of the Regions will also become vacant as from 1 May 2026.
5. For the purpose of filling the post that will be left vacant by Mr Christoph SCHNAUDIGEL, the German Government has proposed Ms Ina LAUKÖTTER, representative of a local body who holds a local authority electoral mandate, *Landrätin des Kreises Gütersloh* (District Commissioner of Gütersloh), as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 1 May 2026 and for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2030.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to confirm its agreement on the text of the Decision, as set out in document 7583/26, and to suggest that the Council adopt that Decision as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.

² 7447/26.